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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S DEPARTURE STATEMENT

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF SECRETARY'S DEPARTURE STATEMENT QUOTE
AS I GO BACK TO THE UNITED STATES TO REPORT TO PRESIDENT
NIXON I LEAVE WITH NOURISHED HOPE.

WE HAVE COMPLETED THE FIRST STAGE OF THE CONF AND HAVE
ACHIEVED SUBSTANTIALLY WHAT WE CAME HERE TO DO.

WE HAVE SETTLED THE PROCEDURAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL QUESTIONS.
NEXT WEEK WE EXPECT THAT DISENGAGEMENT TALKS BETWEEN ISRAEL
AND EGYPT MAY START AND WE HOPE THAT OTHER GROUPS OF THIS KIND
CAN BE ORGANIZED SHORTLY AFTERWARDS.

OF COURSE, THE ROAD TO PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST WILL BE
LONG AND SOMETIMES PAINFUL BUT AT THIS HOLIDAY SEASON TO HAVE
BROUGHT TOGETHER THE PARTIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST FOR THE FIRST
TIME IS AN ACHIEVEMENT OF WHICH FIRST OF ALL THE PARTIES SHOULD
BE PROUD, THEN THE UNITED NATIONS, AND ALL THOSE WHO COULD
PLAY A ROLE IN IT.

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IM WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED
NATIONS AND THE UNITED NATIONS FOR THE SPLENDID ARRANGEMENTS
THAT THEY MADE. I WOULD PARTICULARLY LIKE TO THANK THE SWISS
GOVT FOR THE EFFICIENCY, COURTESY AND ATTENTION THEY PAID US ALL.

I WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR. UNQUOTE
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